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TOPIC Polish Troops in Brieg, Chorzow and Lauenburg

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from [REDACTED], the barracks installation on the southeastern edge of Brieg (P 51/H 89), on the west side of the road to Jaegerndorf (P 51/H 89), was occupied by Polish troops. The installation consisted of at least 12 large three-story barracks buildings and its main entrance was on the Brieg-Jaegerndorf road. In addition, at least 10 garages for motor vehicles and equipment were located in the western section of the installation. On [REDACTED] about 10 ZIS trucks were seen in front of the garages. Only a few soldiers, and no heavy weapons, were observed in the billeting area. About 30 soldiers with red service color were engaged in aiming practice with rifles south of the installation. [REDACTED] could make no other observation regarding the occupation of the barracks buildings, but learned from a local resident that a motorized AAA unit was quartered there, and that in August the unit was at the Biedrusko (P 53/X 27) troop training grounds. During a conversation in Breslau (P 52/C 41), [REDACTED] the Polish AAA unit in Brieg was allegedly equipped with modern weapons. *

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2. Prior to January 1951, the barracks installation southwest of the Bahnschacht Pit and about 800 meters southwest of the western end of ul. Spitalna in Chorzow (Q 51/Y 57) was occupied by at least two battalions of Polish infantry troops who were equipped with motor vehicles and some horse-drawn vehicles. [REDACTED] that the former outnumbered the latter. Soldiers leaving for field training moved on foot in small details. No heavy weapons were observed. No other army units were stationed in Chorzow. **

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3. In 1950, the UB (Security Police) office moved from a former monastery on ul. Katowicka, opposite the Huettenpark, to a building on ul. Siekiewicza, near the railroad station. The block of houses on ul. Siekiewicza also housed the revenue office.

4. Prior to September 1950, the barracks installation south of Lauenburg (P 55/H 40), on the west side of the main road to Buetow (P 55/N 36), was occupied by Polish troops who wore caps with green bands. The installation, located on the northern edge of a woods, consisted of about 15 multiple-story buildings and 1 boiler house with a smoke stack 30 meters high. Young soldiers wearing olive-drab uniforms served with this unit. The entire unit was never observed departing at one time. Some supply vehicles were seen in the billeting area, but no heavy weapons were observed. No

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other military units and quarters were known in Lauenburg. ***

5. Prior to September 1950, a Soviet administrative detail was located at the Gross-Jannowitz (P 55/H 45) estate. It was subordinate to a Soviet military office in the area of Bewersdorf (P 55/M 77) which was responsible for harvesting hay in the lowlands of the Leba River.

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installation is believed to be the former Seydlitz Kaserne or Mudra Kaserne. A previous report mentioned that a Polish engineer regiment was quartered in this installation and that there was a Soviet AAA unit, with searchlights, at the airfield. See [REDACTED]. It is possible that, in addition to the engineer troops, a Polish AAA unit may be quartered in the Mudra Kaserne. However, it is also possible that [REDACTED] a 25X1X Soviet for a Polish AAA unit.

* [REDACTED] Comment. Probably the 37th Inf Regt which has repeatedly been reported to be stationed in Chorzow. See 25X1A

25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. This is the only barracks installation in Lauenburg. Its occupation has not been determined, since several resettlers reported an MO school there in December 1950 and an infantry unit in January 1951. The caps with green bands, mentioned in the present report, are indicative of a WOP (Border Guard) unit.

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